

PATENT

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Seidman and Théorêt

Serial No.: 09/288,344

Filed: April 8, 1999

For: METHODS OF OPTIMIZING

DRUG THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY

FOR TREATMENT OF IMMUNE-MEDIATED

GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 4, 1999, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

## **AMENDMENTS**

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims.

--35. (New) A method of optimizing therapeutic efficacy and reducing toxicity associated with 6-mercaptopurine drug treatment of an immune-mediated gastrointestinal disorder, comprising:

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